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AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE

AMEMBASSY VIENNA

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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: ECAC PRESIDENCY

REF: (A) THE HAGUE 6467, (B) PARIS 32443

1. ADDITIONAL FACTOR AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE SHOULD HAVE IN MIND IN WEIGHING DUTCH POSITION ON CHARTER ISSUES --AND WHICH DEPT. AND CAB SHOULD ALSO HAVE IN MIND AS THEY WEIGH OUR FUTURE POLICY VIS-A-VIS ECAC--IS LIKELIHOOD IF NOT CERTAINTY THAT RABEN, DUTCH DGCA, WILL BE ELECTED PRESIDENT OF ECAC FOR THREE-YEAR TERM WHEN ECAC HOLDS ITS TRIENNIAL SESSION IN STRASBOURG NEXT JUNE.

2. RABEN IS CURRENTLY FIRST VICE PRESIDENT OF ECAC. WITHIN ECAC THERE IS NO FIRM RULE THAT FIRST VICE PRESIDENT ADVANCES TO THE PRESIDENCY JUST AS THERE IS NO RULE FOR GEOGRAPHIC BALANCE AS AMONG SLATE OF OFFICERS OR FOR ANY MEMBER STATE'S CLAIM TO INCUMBENCY OF ANY PARTICULAR POST. (DEPT. WILL RECALL THAT WHEN VERES WAS REMOVED AS DGCA IN PORTUGAL IT WAS MADE KNOWN BY ECAC THAT NEW  
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PORTUGUESE DGCA WOULD NOT HAVE CLAIM TO ASSUME ECAC PRESIDENCY FOR BALANCE OF TERM SHOULD VERES BE COMPELLED

RELINQUISH ECAC OFFICE). HOWEVER, THERE IS GENERAL UNDERSTANDING IF NOT FORMALLY RECOGNIZED PRECEDENT THAT FIRST VICE PRESIDENT NORMALLY SUCCEEDS TO PRESIDENCY AND HENCE RAVEN'S ELECTION IS ALMOST FOREGONE CONCLUSION.

3. COMMENT: WHATEVER AMBITION RABEN HAS TO ACCEDE TO ECAC PRESIDENCY IS LIKELY TO MAKE HIM FIRMER DEFENDER OF ECAC INTERESTS AT PRESENT JUNCTURE THAT MIGHT OTHERWISE BE THE CASE. DEPT. AND CAB SHOULD ALSO BE ALERTED THAT IS RABEN DOES BECOME NEXT ECAC PRESIDENT, WE WILL BE CONFRONTED WITH A MUCH MORE FORCEFUL AND POWERFUL ECAC THAN IS NOW THE CASE WHEN THE ORGANIZATION IS HEADED BY THE LAMEDUCK VICTOR VERES.

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